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For the Philanthropist.

TO JOSHUA L. WILSON, D. D.

Dear Sir—
Ever since our late Synodical discussion, I have felt a desire to hear from your eloquent tongue or read from your able pen an exposition of the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." There are two points, particularly, on which I would like to have your views.

1st. Who is my neighbor?

On this question I think I might anticipate your answer. Our Divine Master was certainly competent to the task of expounding his own laws. And, if I do not greatly mistake his meaning in his expositions of this, he has taught us that even the Jews and Samaritans were neighbors. And if they with all their gall-like animosities which had been embittering for ages—if they were neighbors, who are not? If they were neighbors, surely every man is my neighbor, and I am commanded to love every man as myself. Am I not correct?

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Then passing by the question whether I can love a man as I do myself while I am taking or withholding from him and his children their liberty, there is another point on which I would like to have your views. Apart from the fact, "that God is the Lord, and our God and Redeemer,"—is not it his service a reasonable service? Do not his laws generally, and his moral laws always command themselves to our reason? Now what is the reason for the commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself?" I am not required to love the brute as I love myself. Is not the reason this, the brute is by nature an inferior being? I am commanded to love God supremely, more than I do myself; even with all my heart, and soul, and strength, and mind. Is it not because God is far above men? Far more excellent? If then, I should love God more than I do myself because he is in his nature above me, and the brute less than I do myself because he is by nature beneath me, am I not required to love my neighbor as myself because he is by nature my equal? If so, is not the doctrine of natural equality as set forth in the Declaration of Independence the very doctrine which lies at the foundation of the second table of God's law?

The basis on which the whole superstructure rests? And by assailing the one, do we not assail the other? If, for instance, I were to say that "the Declaration of Independence is a political farce, got up for effect, which is not true, and never has been true, and never can be true," and thus deny the doctrine of natural equality, would I not strip of its reasonableness the commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself?" And would I not at the same time contradict the doctrine inculcated in such scriptures as these? "If I despised the cause of my man-servant, or of my maid-servant, when they contended with me, what then shall I do when God riseth up?" "And when he visiteth what shall I answer him?" "Did not he that made me in the womb make him?" "And did not one fashion us in the womb?" "The rich and the poor meet together, the Lord is the maker of them all." "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?" "Why then do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?" "The Lord looketh from Heaven, he beholde all the sons of men, from the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth, he fashioneth their hearts alike." "He hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." Do not these passages teach the doctrine of natural equality as taught in the Declaration of Independence? And if so, ought we not to take heed how we bring a railing accusation against the Declaration, lest we bring it against the Bible also?

I am truly yours,
HUGH L. FULLERTON.

For the Philanthropist.

TO THE REV. GEORGE JUNKIN, D. D.

Dear Sir—

I have been spending some of my leisure hours lately in reading the works with which you have favored the public. And although it would, perhaps, be too much to say of them, or any human productions of their extent, that I concur in all their sentiments, yet I can truly say, that in my opinion they abound in rich thoughts, clearly conceived, and happily expressed. I was particularly well pleased with a sentiment in your late inaugural address, that "the address before me at present—but believe the words containing the sentiment were these: 'The Bible is the great charter of human liberty.' O, sir, at such a time as this, when our land is a great battle-field on which liberty and slavery are grappled in a deadly struggle, I hail the announcement of such truths with joy; especially when it is made by those endowed with the influence which it is your honor and privilege to possess and exert. But there is one thing that moderates my joy: I have seen enough of human nature to convince me that men can fritter away the most sublime and precious truths, so as to make them mean little or nothing, when it suits their inclinations. And perhaps some may do so with this. To prevent it, if possible, let us hold it up to view and mark well its import. 'The Bible is the great charter of human liberty.' Would not be strange if it were not? It throws its protective arm around my life, my reputation, my property, would it not be strange if it did not guard my liberty also?" "Charter of human liberty." To whom does the word *human* re-

fer? To the whole family of man? or only a part? Are all men *human* beings? Then all men have a charter to liberty! A charter written in heaven and bearing the seal and signature of the Most High. But does the word *human* only cover a part of our race? Then what part? Who are the privileged class? Shall we be told that they are *white* men? Then have the millions of colored men in Africa and other parts of the world, no charter to liberty? Free, indeed, they may be, but God has given them no right to be free? Why then should the African slave trade be denounced? If Africans and other colored men have no right to freedom, are they not lawful plunder for all the nations of the earth who are blessed with a white skin? The Bible charters the liberty of *white* men. Then how *white* must I be before I can claim it as a charter for mine? And if by disease, or exposure to the sun I lose my whiteness, does my right to liberty go with it? How dark must I become before I shall be compelled to sit down in despondency, exclaiming, "The Bible is to other men a charter of liberty, but it charters none to me?" No sir, I am persuaded that any man of common sense who looks at the matter a moment will reject the idea that the Bible is one thing to colored men, and another to the white man; that it secures to some a monopoly of liberty on account of their color.

The question returns—if the Bible is the charter of liberty only to some men, who are the privileged class? Shall we be told that they are free? But alas! in this changing world it often happens that the free of yesterday are the enslaved of to-day. When they lose their liberty, do they lose their right to it? When a man strips me of my freedom, does he take away my charter also? Why, what is the charter worth if I cannot plead it as a bar against oppression? What is it worth, if I must necessarily lose it at the very moment when I need it?

And besides, sir, on this supposition what a strange book the Bible must be! How it ministers to the convenience if not to the lusts of the enslaver of men! He reads one page and exclaims, "blessed book! it is the charter of my liberties!" He reads another and exclaims, "blessed book! it is my warrant for stripping my slaves of theirs." Far different is the aspect it bears to the enslaved. He hears one page read and cries out, "The Bible gives my master a right to his liberty." He hears another and exclaims, "alas! it gives him a right to mine also."

Can these things be? Does this sacred fountain send forth "sweet water and bitter?" Does this "true vine" bear sour grapes among its Eschol clusters? Is the Bible "yea and nay?" Like electricity, negative and positive? Surely not. And I hope dear sir, that the next time you publish the noble sentiment referred to, you will guard it against all perversion. That you will say plainly, "all men are human beings." That the Bible offers "common salvation" to all—so it charters liberty to all. And that the lightnings of Sinai will smite the man who dares to violate this charter by taking or withholding from any, the liberties unforfeited by crime.

And is there not one thing more you can do for the cause of human liberty? From time to time you have young men under your care, who are training for the gospel ministry. They will feel through life, the influence of the principles now inculcated, and will exert that influence upon others. Will you declare in their hearing that "the Bible is the great charter of human liberty?" Will you not tell them also that the minister who pleads the Bible as a sanction for slavery is a slanderer of the blessed book? That he is unworthy of his office? And that the judiciary to which he is amenable is shamefully remiss in duty if it rejects or refuses to discipline him for his sin? But also, uncontradicted rumor charges you with declaring in open Presbytery, that the Bible sanctions slavery. Is it not a slander? And did you not intend to tell the world that it was a slander when you published the glorious truth—"the Bible is the great charter of human liberty?"

Truly yours,
H. L. FULLERTON.

For the Philanthropist.

Loydsburg Jan. 30th, 1842.

Mr. Campbell ought to know that the Bible must be defined upon principles of common sense. It may rise above reason: it must never fall below it. If the Bible is the word of God, it can never be corrected by *normalized humanity*. Christianity, if divine, is perfect without the adjunct of *normalized humanity*. Galileo was imprisoned and well near lost his life for asserting that the sun stood still, and modern Geologists, have been pronounced infidels because the facts of geology did not correspond with the scripture interpretations of some very wise divines. But the annunciation of infidelity in the case of Galileo did not move the sun from his accustomed resting place, nor did a sensible decree of more modern divines change the solid state of the earth. Cyrus McNeely is a very modest divine, in accordance with the principles of common sense, has concluded that "man cannot hold property in man," but Mr. Campbell whose learning has bewitched him, has concluded that the Bible may and does contradict common sense. And what is to be the result? If we are to take Mr. Campbell's word for it, the Bible is not the word of God, any more than it would have been, had it said the sun revolves around the earth, or that the world was made as it now is in six common days. The interpretation that shall give the Bible may properly rest with divines, but the belief of mankind, on subjects cognizable by their reason, is beyond the control of clergy-men; and common sense laughs at the idea, that according to the laws of nature or of nature's God, man can be the property of man.

According to Mr. Campbell, one Israelite could buy another Israelite, because he waxed poor. On a parity of reasoning one American could, by the law of God, justly buy another American citizen, because he waxed poor, or in fact a rich negro or stranger might do it. What pity the framers of the late bankrupt law had not thought of this most scriptural way of disposing of our bankrupts. No doubt it would have cheered and warmed their hearts to know they were to be dealt with precisely according to the law of God. I recommend Mr. Campbell's scriptural plan for all who have waxed poor, and they are not few, to the consideration of Congress. Will not Mr. Campbell back it with his memo-

rial? The interpretation of Mr. Campbell of the sin of Ham in looking on his father's nakedness is equally ridiculous. The unchangeable God will punish the same crime in all ages alike—with him there is no *variancibleness* or shadow of turning, and who does not smile at the idea that the posterity of a young man in the present day, for numbered generations, would be condemned to be the slaves of slaves because their father had looked on his father's nakedness, especially if the father had got drunk and kicked off the cover? Truly this would be, "the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge" with a vengeance. I believe Newton on the Prophecies regards the expressions of Noah concerning Canaan a simple prophecy, equally unconnected with the crime of Ham and Noah's unfortunate and criminal drunkenness.

Yours for man,
ELI NICHOLS.

For the Philanthropist.

Marlborough, Jan. 17th, 1742.

Dr. BAILEY.—The hope which I looked for a noble expression of principle in the address of the Liberty Convention was in part changed to regret and disappointment when on the receipt of that document, I observed in it two fatal concessions to slavery. I say fatal because I consider they compromise those great principles upon which the anti-slavery enterprise is based, and in the faithful application of which we can alone give permanency to the reform we are laboring to effect. You will readily perceive that I allude to those portions of the address which offer a guarantee to slave labor, and in which a concurrence is expressed with the constitutional provision for the reclamation of slaves. If we consider slavery to be wrong under all circumstances, why offer to sustain it by legal protection? Are we not bound to withdraw all protection from it?

Did there exist within the borders of our country an organised band of marauders, who trafficked in the dead bodies of their victims and who claimed that their business was "consistent with sound expediency, and moral and religious obligation?" would the Liberty Party offer to secure to their trade "a fair measure of legislative regard and protection?" If we extend to the slaveholder our aid because he deems his business just, we must protect the murderer for the same reason.

Further: does the Liberty Party intend to sanction that part of the U. S. Constitution which makes it obligatory upon the citizens of free states to catch the slave who has escaped from his master? will it not seek to amend it?

What more will slavery require of the Liberty Party than protection to her labor and the restoration of her fugitives? This granted what part of the Declaration of Independence will the party stand upon? Just so much as did the framers of the Constitution, when by their compromises they gave a practical denial to all its self-evident truths. Most of the evils of which the address complains have grown out of that compromise. They are its legitimate offspring. How then can we take this imperfect instrument for our guide, and eradicate its own evils. These concessions too look like a total abandonment of the slave. With the various objects specified in the address by which the interests of free labor may be advanced, such as the opening of Foreign ports to Northern productions &c. the removal of slavery from the Districts & Territories, the repeal of those laws which oppress and degrade the colored man, I heartily coincide. They are noble objects. But if the laborers of the party are to end here; if it does not strike at the odious features of the constitution by which northern citizens are compelled to become slave catchers, or if a membership with the party will preclude any action with view to that end, I cannot join its ranks. I go for more extended action. I adopt the language of the address, which declares that the honor, the welfare, the safety of our country imperiously demand the overthrow of slavery. But I ask, will the government be divorced from slavery while it stands sentinel over her and catches deserters and employs its army to protect and defend her?

will go further than the address, and say that the honor, the welfare, the safety of our country require us to alter our constitution. And further, if this is impossible, if the good it contains can only be preserved in connexion with the bad, then are we under the highest obligations to abolish it. Our forefathers laid its foundations in the quicksands of despotism; we must remove it to the rock of liberty if we would preserve our country from ruin.

If as a moral agent I cannot protect slavery in any manner whatever, the framers of the Constitution could not place me under any such obligation. The compact they made I repudiate, and am bound by the laws of God to counter to it.

E. BROOKE.

For the Philanthropist.
Report of the Executive Committee of Green Plain Association, Clark Co. Ohio.

The field of labor in which Abolitionists have engaged is one of vast extent and interspersed with innumerable obstacles, the result of which involves consequences, momentous to mankind. To combat these successfully, individual energetic moral action must be maintained. The superstructure of human rights must be based on the broad and immutable foundation of truth, to resist the ecclesiastical, political and civil invasions, which assail and threaten its extirpation. Those who have enlisted in the cause of suffering humanity will need the whole panoply of an abolition *cornfield* or a potatoe patch?

State Conventions are making powerful and emphatic appeals, their addresses revealing to the common mass, statistics of the ruinous encroachments of the slave power. And in view of such a cavalcade of moral power for the overthrow of the vilest system of tyranny that ever upheaved itself in the face of the sun, shall we now look down from this sublime height to the ploughs, hoes, spades and shovels, aye, and scissars and needless too? Some of us are poor, will our little donors avail any thing? Shall we not let the ball in motion?

which is inscribed universal freedom, and liberty shall be proclaimed throughout all the land and down all the inhabitants thereof.

Signed on behalf of the Society.

JOS. H. DUGDALE.

Feb. 18th, 1842. Cor. Secretary.
(The National Standard will please insert the above.)

DR. BAILEY.—The above report was presented to our Association and the suggestions spontaneously acted upon. The clause suggesting an appropriation of time to labor specifically for the cause of suffering humanity, after an animated and interesting discussion, was disposed of by a considerable number of men and women volunteering their names, and it was proposed that the farmers dedicate a portion of their soil to liberty, and the proceeds to be used for the promulgation of anti-slavery truth. What thinkest thou of an abolition *cornfield* or a potatoe patch?

And having that, doth their service up. As you like it.

will have effect and down it must come, and when down it must not only be bound down, but watched to prevent it ever rising again.

One word more to my brother abolitionists; it is what good old Jacob said to his children when they were going to seek bread, "see that ye fall not out by the way." Thine in unwearyed toil for the slave.

ISRAEL FRENCH.

From the New York American.

EX-PRESIDENT ADAMS.

"He did look fair
Into the service of the time, and was
Disciplined of the bravest."

"All's well that ends well,"

A good old man, how well in the appears
The constant service of the antique world,
When service sweets for duty, not for meal!
Thou art not for the fashion of these times
Where none will sweat but for promotion;
And having that, doth their service up
Even with the having. It is not so with thee,
As you like it.

For some weeks past we have heard this venerable gentleman spoken of by rude members of Congress, and the more vulgar of the public presses, in terms of courageous insolence; and for the faithful exercise of public duty, he has been arraigned before the House of Representatives, on the charge of "subornation of perjury and high treason." This base attempt of the trembling slaveholders to destroy the right of Petition, sustained as it was by their tools from the North, the professed lovers of the largest liberty, has failed, only from the resistance it met from the fearless and eloquent defender of his country's rights. He stands among us the glorious relic of a past age, bending beneath the weight of three-score years and ten, but with an eye undimmed, and his mental strength unabated, devoting the evening of his life to maintain those liberties which in early youth he assisted to establish. It will be interesting to compare the opinions expressed by our modern patriots of Mr. Adams' character with those entertained of him by the Father of his country; Mr. Marshall, in the resolutions which he offered as the mouth-piece of a southern caucus, declared that the ex-President "might well be held to merit expulsion from the National Councils, and that the House deem it an act of grace and mercy, when they only inflict upon him the severest censure."—This, continued those resolutions that died in their birth, a wretched abortion, but whose infancy shall hang like a cloud upon the fame of their supporters—"they hereby do, for their own purity and dignity (alas! for our immaculate Congress)—for the rest they turn him over to his own conscience and the indignation of all true American citizens."

In the debate which ensued upon this out-break of impotent malice, Mr. Wise dared to call the faithful servant of his country, "a black hearted traitor," and to declare with the most unblushing impudence, in the Hall of Representatives, where he was even then defending single-handed the right of petition against a host of foes, that "the gentleman was politically dead, dead as Burr, dead as Arnold—the people would look upon him with wonder, would shudder and retire." Turn we from these degenerate times and these ravings of men who would offer our dearest liberties upon the altar of slavery, to the days that followed our Revolution, and the calm and earnest words of Washington, of whose discrimination and foresight the letter we are about to quote, (it is one not to be found in Sparks' collection,) written to the elder Adams on his election to the Presidency, is a remarkable proof, and especially interesting to us of the present generation, who, while we think of Washington as belonging to past history, are permitted to witness in the evening labors of "the old man eloquent," the fulfillment of his striking predictions of the future usefulness of his early friend. "The public," he wrote nearly half a century ago, "more and more as he is known, are appreciating his talents and worth, and his country would sustain a loss if these were to be checked by over-delicatey on your part." What a blush for the degeneracy of his countrymen would have manifested on the brow of Washington, could he have foreseen that when his anticipations of Adams' services were more than accomplished, and not his country alone, but the world were more and more appreciating his talents and worth, these should be attempted to be checked not, as he then feared, by the over-delicatey of a father, but by a vote of the House of Representatives, intended "to turn him over to the indignation of all true American citizens."

When at length the hand of death shall stay his course, and silence forever the voice so true to Liberty and so terrible to its foes, then will our countrymen, regarding his memory with affectionate reverence, realize the loss they have sustained—a loss, the possible contingency of which for a few years in the morning of his life, Washington thus earnestly endeavored to prevent:

Monday Feb. 20, 1807.

"Dear Sir—I thank you

THE PHILANTHROPIST.

EDITED BY G. BAILEY, JR.

CINCINNATI,
Wednesday Morning, March 16, 1842.

FOR GOVERNOR,

LEICESTER KING.

IMPORTANT LAW DECISION.

An important law decision has recently been made by Judge Treat, one of the associate Judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois. An act of the Legislature of that state provides, that every black and mulatto person, who shall be found in the state, without an authorized certificate of freedom, shall be deemed a runaway slave, and may be committed to the custody of the Sheriff of the county, whose duty it shall be after having advertised the same for the space of six weeks, and no proof of his freedom being made, to hire him out from month to month for the space of one year. The act virtually introduces slavery into Illinois, and is certainly in violation of the ordinance of 1787. A negro man named Daniel, having lately been arrested under this law, sued out a writ of habeas corpus, setting forth that the act was unconstitutional and void. Judge Treat, before hearing the case, decided that the act was unconstitutional, and that Daniel was entitled to his discharge.

THE LION'S SHARE.

The Secretary of the Navy is a Virginian; the first clerk of the Navy Department, a Virginian; the president of the Navy Board, a Virginian; the commander of the Mediterranean squadron, a Virginian; the commodore of the West India squadron, a Virginian; and the commander of the frigate Columbia, one of the Home Squadron, a Virginian. The great mass of the sailors of course are from the free states. But, southern brethren are born to rule.

FREE LABOR.

The late Free Labor Convention in Indiana was, according to report, a very interesting meeting. It is the object of this Free Labor movement, not to injure the interests of the South, but to reduce the value of slave labor products, and thus induce her to adopt the wages-principle. It would not cut off commerce with the South, but encourage Free Labor there. The convention took measures preliminary to establishing a firm under the character of the Western Free Produce company, whose object should be to supply the market with free labor goods. If such a firm could be established, on a large scale, it might be productive of great good. Agencies could be established in several of the slave states, for the purpose of contracting with those planters who would use free labor in the production of cotton or sugar. We doubt not, many benevolent individuals might be induced under such circumstances to act out the half-awakened convictions of their consciences, and turn their slaves into free laborers.

The following are some of the resolutions passed at the convention.

The committee to whom were referred the three resolutions as expressed in the minutes of yesterday reported as follows:

Whereas it is highly necessary in order to encourage free labor, and to insure the success of the principle of resistance from slave grown produce, to introduce articles of merchandise of an opposite character to the different articles of labor, it is resolved, that it will be necessary, in some instances, in order to obtain a sufficient supply of free goods to offer a premium for certain articles, and as it is very desirable to be able to sell such at a price not exceeding that of others. Therefore,

Resolved, That to effect these objects it is expedient to establish a firm, under the character of the Western free produce company; the funds of which, being created by individual subscriptions and donations, shall be employed for the sole purpose of supplying the market with free labor goods.

The following resolution was discussed and laid on the table:

Resolved, That a Board of Directors be elected by the subscribers, who shall have the entire control of the establishment in relation to employing agents in the various parts of the country, and all business naturally connected in the transactions of such an institution.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the house, to prepare and produce to a future meeting of the convention, a detailed plan of operations for carrying into operation the above proposed firm.

The names of the above committee have not yet come to hand.

Resolved, That the friends of the Anti-Slavery cause, throughout the western country, be requested to hold meetings for the purpose of discussing this subject; and to appoint delegates to attend the adjourned meeting of this convention at Friends' meeting house at Eliz. in Preble county Ohio, on 3d day, the 17th of 5th month next, at 10 o'clock A. M. with instructions as to the opinions of their constituents on the subject.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the friends of the A. S. cause to discuss the merits of the foregoing propositions through the medium of the Press in order that all the light possible may be thrown on the subject previous to the next meeting of the convention.

And that the President and Secretaries of each of the A. S. Societies in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa, are requested to get up meetings for the promotion of the objects contemplated in the foregoing part of this resolution; and if any of them cannot send delegates, we solicit them to give us their views in writing, addressed to Henry H. Way, and Jonathan Swain, the corresponding secretaries of the Western Free Labor Association, New Haven, Wayne co., Ia.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this convention be published in the "Free Labor Advocate" and A. S. Chronicle, and that A. S. papers be requested to copy so much of the proceedings as relate to the raising of funds to procure "free labor goods."

Then adjourned to meet at the time and place above stated.

WILLIAM BEARD, Pres.

JONATHAN SWAIN, *3* Secretaries.

WALTER EDGERTON,

COLUMBUS FREEMAN.

The Columbus Freeman is still manfully contending for the principles of Liberty. The old political associates of the editor generally have proscribed him. The Logan Gazette parts with him in good temper. Indeed there is something so honorable to both parties, so different from the usual course of partisan editors, in the notice taken by the Gazette of the change of the Freeman, that we must transfer it to our columns.

The Columbus Freeman,

Has hauled down the name of Henry Clay from its mast head, and gone over to the political abolitionists. Well, we have no fault to find—the Freeman claimed to be independent, and we presume the editor had the right to abandon his former profession, tear down the honored name which was the first to raise, and form new political jies and associates. We are sorry to part with Capt.

DUFFEE; we have known him long and well, and esteem him, as a man; and while we believe that he is governed by correct motives, though we may regret the course he has adopted and doubt its propriety, we cannot indulge in those denunciations against him which we see some of our whig friends have. We part with him in politics, as we would with an old friend with whom we had long intercourse, hoping that the day will yet come, when he will again return to the fold from which he has unfortunately strayed.

The hope is certainly benevolent, but the captain would find but poor picking and a straggling flock.

MR. ADAMS AND HIS CONSTITUENTS.

The people of Mr. Adams' District have just held a great meeting, and by appropriate and spirited resolutions sustained their noble representative. The Town hall in Plymouth was filled to overflowing. The Hon. Seth Sprague of Duxbury presided.

Vice Presidents—Dr. James Thatcher, of Plymouth; Col. John Thomas, of Kingston; Dr. Amariah Preston, of Plymouth.

Secretaries—Col. Wm. Davis, of Plymouth; Joseph Pratt, Esq. of Carver.

The last resolution in the series will show the feeling which is beginning to animate all classes in the East.

Resolved, That the North has nothing to hope from continued concessions to the demands of the South; that we heartily approve the stand taken in Congress by Mr. Adams in defense of Northern interests and rights; and that, in all constitutional efforts which he may make to protect those rights and interests, we pledge him here, on the Rock of Plymouth, our sympathy and support.

The Old Colony Memorial makes the following remarks:

The venerable appearance of the President and Vice Presidents added much to the interest of the occasion.—The President, whose head is silvered with the frosts of more than eighty winters, is a veteran republican servant, whose voice is ever heard with respect. Of the Vice Presidents, Dr. Thacher has just completed his 88th year, while both he and Dr. Pratt were in active service in the Revolution.—Col. Thomas, of Kingston, is a son of Gen. Thomas who fought largely in the fortification of Dorchester Heights, and in the early part of our Revolution. Gen. T. died in Canada. The selection of these veterans was peculiarly appropriate on the occasion of sustaining their venerable Representative.

OLD MASSACHUSETTS.

The following Act and Resolve have been reported by a select committee, in the Legislature of Massachusetts.

AN ACT

Relating to the Right of Rail-Road Passengers.

It enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Sec. 1. No rail-road corporation shall, by themselves, their directors, or others, make or establish any by-law or regulation, which shall make any distinction, or give a preference in accommodation to any one or more persons over others, on account of descent, sect, or color.

Sec. 2. Any officer or servant of any rail-road corporation, who shall assault any person for the purpose of depriving him of his right or privilege, in any car or rail-road accommodation, on account of descent, sect, or color, or shall abet any person, in committing such assault, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than six days, or by fine not less than ten dollars; and shall also be answerable to the person assaulted, to the full amount of his damage in an action of trespass.

RESOLVE

Relating to the Imprisonment of Citizens of this Commonwealth in other States.

Resolved, That the imprisonment of any citizens of Massachusetts in the ports, or harbors within the borders of other States of the Union, without the allegation of any crime committed by him, and solely on account of his color, constitutes a gross violation of the Federal Constitution, as well as of all the principles of national liberty; and that his excellency the Governor, be hereby authorized, in any case of the kind that may occur, to cause the legality of such imprisonment to be tried before the courts of the United States.

The act for the repeal of the Intermarriage law, which passed one house, has failed in the other, a very small majority being against it. We were mistaken in reporting it as having become a law.

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

Great parties may, with impunity, commit acts, that would ruin small ones. The Temperance men in New York not long since made a grand Auto Da Fe, at which they burnt King Alcohol. Should the abolitionists of Cincinnati attempt to inflict such an indignity on King Slavery, half the city would be about their ears—and the press would be shocked with their imprudence. Patriotic democrats in different portions of Ohio have lately burned John Quincy Adams in effigy. This will hardly cost the party a single voter—slightly many good men, religious men belong to it. Should some of the abolitionists hang by the neck J. C. Calhoun in effigy, the papers, religious and political would denounce the whole body, as a pack of rabid fanatics. A Democratic meeting, whose proceedings were lately noticed in terms of high approbation by the Ohio Statesman, passed the following resolution.

Resolved, That Nat. Turner and John Quincy Adams, the brightest stars of modern abolitionism, the one is dead, and the other damned. Such persons have all the brutality, without a single redeeming trait, of the blood-thirsty savage. The Democratic party will not be called to an account for such proceedings. Suppose an abolition meeting had passed a resolution with regard to hangman Preston, identical in sentiment—one universal shout of execration would have gone up from a press, horror-stricken with such ferocity.

Our readers have not forgotten the commotion awakened lately in the political world, by the suspension of the nomination of Edward Everett, on account of his anti-slavery opinions. The Western Whig press muttered thunder, and the Eastern did what our Southern brethren now think a great deal worse—threatened to dissolve the Union. One influential paper went so far as to say, that the rejection of that gentleman on such ground would be in fact a dissolution! Who found fault—what intense zealot for the Union sounded the alarm against such treason? Not one. Large parties may do what they choose. Now, when a few anti-slavery men, under infinitely, yes, infinitely heavier provocations, dare to calculate the value of the Union, the papers of this very party, which then threatened treason, are seized with a holy horror at the insolence, the madness of the miserable fanatics! The truth is, men are fair to avail themselves of ever

weapon, fair or foul, against a small and an unpopular minority.

As to petitions for disunion, we hope no more will be sent, till our Southern brethren begin to bully us again with the menace of a Dissolution of the Union.

THE VALUE OF THE UNION.

Most of the Anti-Slavery men are attached to the Union, not blindly, but because they think the highest welfare of the whole republic can be best secured by it. They certainly deserve great credit for this, for their attachment is entirely disinterested. To them there is no Union. In violation of the Constitution, by treachery and violence, slaveholders have dissolved the Union with them long ago.

In broad day light, in a District purchased by the money of the Union, within sight of the Capitol, where sit the representatives of the North and South, a citizen of the Union, a northern man, is cast into jail for selling a Liberty newspaper.

"I am a Roman citizen," was a protection stronger than the *Ægis* of Minerva. Old Rome was too proud to permit her honor to be tarnished, her power weakened, by tolerating violence to any one calling himself a Roman. But an American citizen may be whipped at Nashville, thrown into a Dungeon in the District of Columbia, tarred & feathered in Carolina, driven with ignominy from New Orleans, may—hanged, or sold as a slave for life, and where is the avenger? Where is the Power, whose name he bears? Where is the Union, the glorious Union, the god of American idolatry? Alas! like the lying Baal of the old Jews, "either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is on a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked"—"there is no voice nor cry that answers."

Such is the protection of the Union to anti-slavery men. We have a case in point, and shall briefly relate it.

Mr. W. Hopkins is a respectable citizen of Columbus; an artist by profession, a man, so far as we know, of great amiability and moral worth. In November last, by the advice of his physician, he left Columbus, to spend the winter in Louisiana on account of his health. A few months before leaving, he became acquainted with James Clark, of Jackson, East Feliciana parish, La., who cordially invited him to call at his residence, intimating that he would give him employment as an artist, and recommended the town of Jackson as a healthy spot for invalids. He assured him also that the fact of his being an abolitionist would not endanger him, so long as he should remain silent concerning it, there. Mr. Hopkins arrived at Jackson about the middle of December. Five or six weeks after, Mr. Clark returned, and without having seen Mr. H., visited a grogery, and gave out that there was an abolitionist in town. A mob soon collected, and despatched two of their bullies to Mr. H. who was quietly engaged at his work, with orders to bring him forth, and answer for the crime of thinking, (not saying,) that slavery was a sin. After several violent speeches, Mr. H. by permission addressed the meeting, and frankly told them that he believed slavery to be a sin and curse, but, in accordance with the advice of Mr. Clark, who stood before them, and who had invited him to that place, he had said nothing about it, while there, and did not wish to disturb their peculiar institutions. His only object was to spend the winter there quietly, solely for the benefit of his health. He produced testimonials to his character, from the North, and one, from a gentleman of established character in the vicinity. Mr. Hagerman, the Presbyterian clergyman, with whom he had been lodging, certified that Mr. H. had behaved in all respects both as a gentleman and a Christian—that he had said nothing that could lead to the belief that he was an abolitionist.

After several speeches and violent threats, resolution was offered, that Mr. H. be ordered to leave the place by 3 o'clock P. M. It was then about noon. Mr. Calef, the Mayor, said, that he wanted every abolitionist driven bodily out of the South, but out of the United States, and into Great Britain, where they belonged, but he did not wish the man to go back to the North, and report that he had been treated like a savage, especially as he stood before them in the light of a peaceable gentleman. He would therefore move so to modify the resolution, as to give him time to close his business, even if he should be obliged to stay till the morning. Loud threats, however, were made against any house that should give him a night's lodging, and he was allowed only till five o'clock, to get ready for leaving.

He left for Bayou Sara, 12 miles, the nearest landing place on the Mississippi, where he arrived about bed time, followed by some of the mob, who seemed bent on stirring up another mob to lynch him before he could get beyond their reach.

Mr. Marks, the landlord, being informed of all the circumstances by Mr. Hagerman, who with a noble disregard for his own safety, had accompanied the persecuted man, promised to protect him. This prevented disturbance thro' the night, but the next morning, a band of twenty ruffians collected in the bar-room, expressing a determination to lynch him at all hazards. The landlord, with a generous courage, at once interposed, and announced to them, that he would spill his own blood, before he would suffer one of them to touch his guest. His resolute bearing intimidated them, and Mr. Hopkins owes it to his efforts and those of Mr. Hagerman, that he is now safe in a free state. We saw him a few days since in Cincinnati, and the facts stated above, are furnished by himself.

There is another fact, which he had while in the South, from the best authority. It is a horrible fact, but there is nothing wonderful in it. We wish the people of the free states to weigh it well. It is, that standing committees are appointed in most or all of the principal towns

in the slave states, especially on the Mississippi, whose duty it is to collect and keep a list of the names of northern abolitionists; to search the baggage of travellers, and tavern registers, for the name of every man from the North who may stop in any of those towns, and, if it be down on the list, to report the case at once as a fit one for the application of LYNCH LAW!

And under provocations so brutal, so infernal, the freemen of the North are expected to be as fervent as ever in their attachment to a Union, which, while it protects the meanest dog from the South who barks on the track of a fugitive in the North, leaves them to the tender mercies of a bloody slaveholding Inquisition.

DISCUSSION.

For the last two Saturday evenings, Mr. Wm. Birney, in behalf of the Liberty men, has been carrying on a discussion with a champion selected by the anti-abolition society, the representative of their opinions. The meetings have been held in a ward, pre-eminent for its bitter hostility to us, and the audience have been composed, we presume, chiefly of those who were actively engaged in, or countenanced, the late violent proceedings against us. No disturbance has taken place. Mr. Birney has been listened to with the utmost respect, and the President of the Society, Mr. Shalley, deserves praise, for the great fairness and courtesy with which he has presided.

The last meeting was adjourned till next Saturday evening, to the Court House—Mr. Birney being entitled to the floor. We need not say that Mr. Birney has acquitted himself honorably. We hope that the Court House may be well filled next Saturday evening.

THE OBJECT OF THE LIBERTY PARTY.

The proper object of the Liberty Party, as we have often stated, is not the abolition of slavery as it exists under State authority, but the divorce of the General Government and the legislation of the free states from the system. But, he must be very simple who imagines that we are blind to the inevitable result of such divorce—or that we would hesitate to urge this result as a principal motive to political anti-slavery effort. Slavery stands by the political power of the Union, and the ecclesiastical sanction of the free states. Withdraw this sanction, and strip the slaveholders as a class of political consequence, and you have taken away the pillars of this stupendous mass of wickedness. We go still further. If, after having accomplished, by the political exercise of the rights now secured to us by the Constitution, every object which it is legitimate for us to aim at as a political anti-slavery party, Slavery should still continue to exist in the States, still continue to disturb the business, corrupt the morals, and endanger the safety of the whole country, we should urge such amendments to the Constitution, as would empower Congress in a proper way to interfere for the complete extinction of the evil.

While we contend for the propriety of being guarded in our language, and giving such expressions of our views and objects as do not mislead, still we owe it to ourselves and the South, to declare frankly and firmly, that we, as anti-slavery men, engaged in one department of a universal movement which has for its final end the annihilation of slavery everywhere, will never cease from our work, till the flag of the Union shall wave over a country, unpolluted by the footsteps of a single slave.

THE PHILANTHROPIST.

Hallo there! Smith, Stewart, Green, Goodell, Stanton, Garrett, Ray, Chapin, and the thousand of New York, Leavitt, Whittier, Jackson, Torrey, Sewall of Massachusetts, with your thousands. Hallo! "pillow of fire!" Miller that went to Greece, and your conditors, ay! and you of Pennsylvania, Post, Hastings, Leavenworth, and hundreds. New Haven, and Maine, and your house, Indiana and Illinois, what ay! Are we a "Liberal" party, or an "anti-slavery" party? Read the Ohio Philanthropist of February 16th, and we shall review this article. We look upon it as a direct and bold attempt to sell the Abolitionists of Ohio to one of the political parties, and we beware!! Our readers shall have our thoughts, in full next week.

[Madison County Abolitionist.]

A little more decorum and less heat, friend Jackson. For your own sake you had better take that saying back—"a direct and bold attempt to sell the Abolitionists of Ohio to one of the political parties!" Nobody will believe you. Moreover, so long as it stands, there can be no discussion between us. We cannot consent to discuss any question with an anti-slavery editor who commences by a coarse attack on our integrity.

PARTIES IN INDIANA.

The New Harmony Disseminator says that both parties have had the rule in Indiana, and both have disappointed the hopes of the people. This is not peculiar to Indiana. Suppose our friend of the Disseminator give the Liberty men a trial. Their principles are certainly

lishments on his estate. Few of their race can now be found, whilst the slaves on gentlemen's estates in the neighborhood have gone on greatly to multiply. We flatly assert, the value of our lands is now improving; and we shall certainly want all our means for taxes; and we should be unwilling to see projects tried, which are at least uncertain, and as we suppose all sober minded men will admit except those members of the Slaveholders' Convention who voted for the resolutions. We should desire to see the line drawn between the slaveholder and non-slaveholder, the rich and the poor, and the consequent resolutions, jealousies and animosities. We disapprove of many of the resolutions which propose high penalties for small offences.

In conclusion, your committee say, that believing as they do, in sincerity and truth, that the resolutions which they have commented on at large, are unwise, unjust, partial and unconstitutional, they will in whatever shape they assume, never cease to oppose them by all legal constitutional means.

WM. CARMICHAEL,
MADISON BROWN,
HENRY E. WRIGHT,
GEO. C. PALMER,
ARTHUR EMORY, Sen.

THE VETO AND SLAVERY.

Southern politicians do not generally seem pleased with Mr. Clay's proposition to strip the Executive of the veto power. They imagine they see in this power, a safeguard of the peculiar institution. In Congress they acknowledge themselves in a hopeless minority, but by union among themselves, and using one of the parties at the North, they think they will always be able to prevent the elevation to the presidential chair of any man hostile to their rights, as they term them. We feel no particular interest in the fate of Mr. Clay's proposed amendment, but we would just say, that if Congress should at any time see fit to legislate against slavery in the states, the veto power would be but a poor protection. That very act would indicate a spirit in Congress, which would prostrate the Executive, rather than be defeated in its purposes.

We extract the following from a speech of the Hon. Robert Wickliffe in the Kentucky legislature, on the *veto power*. It shows with what anxiety slaveholders are watching the growing power of the free states, and what are their plans for limiting it.

If, Mr. Chairman, we did not know that public men were often influenced by a regard to their own advancement than to the solid interest of their constituents, it would be a matter of amazement that the representatives of any state south of the Potomac, should be in favor of destroying or even curtailing the veto power. Strike it from the constitution and the Executive department lies at the feet of the Legislature. Let Congress be unrestrained and absolute, and what will prevent them from levelling to the ground the only barrier that protects southern rights and southern institutions. In the House of Representatives from the very adoption of the Constitution, the non-slaveholding states have constantly and rapidly increased in numbers and power. That branch of the National Legislature is in their hands, and the disproportion will every year be greater and more striking. The admission of slave states has heretofore kept pace with that of free states; though even this has not been accomplished without violent struggles and long continued agitation. That most memorable contest which in 1820 shook the Union to its center, and which it was ended only by a compromise, with a view to a compromise which Congress will take when it is clothed with that omnipotence with which the destruction of the veto power will invest it. Before Florida will be prepared for admission, Iowa and Wisconsin will be ready, and henceforth free states will be admitted than slave; and the ordinance of 1787 will prove the death warrant of Southern influence, and the Senate of the United States will soon be in the possession of those who now command a majority in the House of Representatives. Our influence in electing a President is more potential than our voice in the National legislature. In Congress we are in a hopeless minority which yearly increases. If the South be not able to elect her own President, her vote will always be sufficient to secure the choice of a man friendly to her constitutional rights. No man can reach the presidential chair who avows a deadly hostility to our interests and institutions; because the opposition of the whole southern section, and that which may reasonably be expected in the northern, can be overcome by no man whose blind fanaticism would wilfully trample upon the rights of this country. Senate from the Executive arm this weapon with which the constitution has entrusted it to its own defense and the protection of the people, and what in a few years will prevent Congress from abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia, afterwards in the several states.

Irish Repeal Associations.

These associations appear to be much perplexed with the abolition question. The fundamental principles of their constitutions bind them to regard abolitionism with a favorable eye; but temporary policy dictates an opposite course. All their appeals in behalf of the oppressed Irish are founded on the same grounds which abolitionists assume, when pleading for the oppressed of this country. And all their arguments in behalf of the interference of this country with the domestic institutions of Great Britain more than justify the moral interference of anti-slavery men with the peculiar institutions of the South. It is no wonder, that under such circumstances, many members of these associations should feel apprehensive of identification with abolitionists, and think it expedient to make certain demonstrations against them. They forget that in doing this, they must falsify their own principles; and that in falsifying their principles, they will show themselves hypocrites, and forfeit all claim to the patronage of the American people. We are not anxious that they should be identified as allies of the abolitionists. But let them beware of alliance with their opponents. Their associations were instituted for a specific object; to this let them confine themselves. So far as we can understand, we heartily sympathize with them in this object.

In Cincinnati, we regret to see that they have already suffered themselves to become the tools of demagogues. At their last meeting, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we condemn modern abolitionism as traitorous to the Constitution, and the principles of which every patriot and lover of his country should justly abhor.

This is all *fudge*. Every body knows that the abolitionists at this time are the only class of persons in this country, who are warring against slavery. Bating a few occasional extravagances, not peculiar to them as a party, their action has steadily been in conformity to the Constitution and laws. This being the case, any class of men, who array themselves in direct opposition to them, become the enemies of slavery and the enemies of liberty, unless they demonstrate in some other efficient way their hostility to the former & friendship for the latter. The men who passed the foregoing resolution do neither—on the contrary they are either perfectly indifferent to the great evil of slavery, or are availing themselves of every occasion to

uphold it. This repeal association in Cincinnati, we shall therefore regard as a pledged foe to human liberty, and the tool of miserable demagogues, so long as it shall permit that resolution to stand.

We hope that the Irish papers with which we occasionally exchange, will republish the resolution just quoted, that the Irish Repeal Association of Cincinnati may receive that rebuke from the people of Ireland it so richly deserves. And for whose sake is it, that these Cincinnati Repealers denounce abolitionists? We shall see.

"Native Americanism" is of southern growth, and finds its chief support among the jealous slaveholders of the South. Its object is to abolish the naturalization laws, and prevent foreigners from becoming citizens of this republic. It is unlimited in its abuse of foreign emigrants. In a speech by the Rev. W. N. Watkins, delivered on the 27th January, before the Louisiana Native American Association, in N. Orleans, we find the following generous sentiments concerning foreigners.

"Rights! Sir, they have none—and America will soon cover her gray with shame unless they are taught this in substantial terms. Rather than this nation shall be held at bay on this subject by the restless spirits of other lands—rather than the nations of Europe shall disgorge themselves of this accumulating fifth, and pour it into the generous bosom of America—rather than foreign feet shall trample our stars and stripes in the dust once bathed in the blood of revolutionary patriots, let oblivion hide us forever beneath its tranquil wave."

Again—

"Who compose the lawless mobs which infest our northern cities? Who lays sacrilegious hands upon our public monies? Who threaten to uproot the tree of liberty? Native Americans! No, sir, but such fifth as is thrown upon our shores, from the prisons and almshouses of foreign lands! No sooner are their fetters broken off or their wants relieved, than they seek to reduce the standard of morals and intelligence to their own degraded level. No curse sir! The violence with which foreigners seek to thwart the purposes of this association, declares there is. We seek to protect ourselves, and in doing this, to secure to them the perpetuity of those blessings we have taught them to enjoy. But their incurable stupidity or deep rooted vice cries out oppression—injustice. Oppression, sir! Whom do we oppose? Have we not caused it to be published 'from the river to the ends of the earth,' that for those who are here we are not endeavoring to legislate. That from them we would not takeught that they possess. Injustice, and to whom? To those who are confined to the prisons and almshouses of foreign lands! They, sir, possess no claims upon us but such as are common to citizens of the world. They may profit by our sins, but they may not adopt our form of government—or if they do, it is only to do us harm, and (Heaven forbid they should) let them be content to abide within the temple of liberty, and thank God that their children can claim the exalted title of Native Americans."

And again—

"It were reward enough for any foreigner, though he were a slave, to know that his children were Native Americans."

The speech from which we take these extracts, is published in the Louisiana American of February 21st, by G. G. Foster.

The repealers of Cincinnati are a most disinterested class of gentlemen. The more the slaveholder hates them, the better they love him. What an honorable alliance this between foreigners and their persecutors, between the advocates of Irish liberty and the perpetrators of American slavery!

For the Philanthropist.

Dr. BAILEY—The following, lately received from Mr. Vernon, I send to you hoping you will be able to give it an early insertion in your valuable paper, as it will be read with interest by the members and contributors to the "Ohio Ladies Society for the education of free people of color," and all friends to the cause of liberty and humanity in the State. We cannot but hope that the practice of gathering funds here to establish schools in Africa, and sending our colored people thither to be educated, a plan so expensive, and I may say, so well nigh absurd in itself, will be speedily abandoned by the benevolent and reflecting portion of its supporters, in favor of the education of our colored people at home—an enterprise demanded no less by common justice than by sound policy and Christian philanthropy.

Very respectfully,
Yours, M. A. B.

MT. VERNON, Feb. 15, 1842.

Mrs. BLANCHARD:

Dear Madam—Enclosed are forty-five dollars and fifty cents for the colored schools. The history of the funds thus sent you is as follows. Mr. Wallace who has for the last few years been pregrinating through the State, as a colonization agent came to our goodly town some four weeks since to lecture and solicit donations for his society. After hearing and making three successive attempts to get out an audience and collect funds, he and his party proposed a discussion which was readily agreed to on the part of our anti-slavery citizens. From eight to ten evenings were spent in the debate. Large and attentive audiences were present, and a good impression was made in favor of humanity and the oppressed. During the discussion, Mr. Wallace, as is usual for colonization lecturers, dilated on the *exuberant soil, the mill seats of the St. Paul river*, the commercial and agricultural advantages of Liberia, and the noble intellectual and moral developments of the negro transported there. His opponent replied by referring him to the soil, climate and agricultural, commercial, religious and educational advantages of Ohio, and showed by appealing to Mr. Barber's report that the Ohio Ladies Anti-slavery Society, in connection with the labors of their indefatigable, persevering and self-denying corps of teachers, had in the last four years at a cost less than five thousand dollars, done more to elevate the character of the colored people, and infuse spirit and hope into the mass, than the colonization with all its labor, agitation, power, popularity and six hundred thousand dollars expenditure, during the twenty-five years of its existence. This declaration was made good by an array of facts which the advocate of colonization was not able to gainsay or deny. At the close of the discussion, the advocates of invincible prejudice took up a subscription for colonization, a sin immediately to be repented of, took up a collection for the education of the colored people of Ohio. About forty-five were subscribed, some fifteen or twenty more will still be obtained. We trust our little donation will encourage your Society to persevere in your labor of love.

Yours for the oppressed,
CHAS. COOPER,
J. J. STONE,
J. B. CORY, Committee.

NAMES AND THINGS.

"Then, again, we have another class of men who call themselves abolitionists—anti-slavery men—liberty men. Their main object is to secure the rights of citizenship, of *suffrage*, to a multitude of inferior people—when it is well known that the very existence of free government, of liberty, depends on protecting the ballot box from the action of a degraded population. The most effective anti-slavery system that can be maintained, is that which excludes most rigorously from political and social influence, the very qualities of that people who have always been slaves at home and abroad."—Cin. Enquirer, a democratic paper.

Then again, we have another class of men who call themselves democrats—the largest liberty men—the friends of the people. Their object is to secure equal and exact justice to all men by denying justice to colored men; to establish universal suffrage by limiting it; to elevate the laboring classes by keeping a large portion of them perpetual slaves; to protect the white man by enslaving the black man. Sworn foes to monopolies, they blush not to be claimed as the natural supporters of a monopoly in the blood and bones of men, valued at twelve hundred millions of dollars. Fierce in their denunciations of the aristocracy of the old world, they choose as their liege lords, the slaveholding aristocracy of the new. Shouting hallelujahs, to the progress of freedom in the world, they echo and re-echo with delight, the false reports of the disastrous effects of freedom in the West Indies. Sticklers for constitutional rights, there is not a single fundamental right secured by the constitution, which for the sake of protecting slavery, they have not at one time or another trampled under foot. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of debate in Congress, the right of petition, the right of jury trial—all have been rudely assailed by these friends of popular rights, these largest liberty men.

Well may we adopt the language of the Enquirer and say—

"Whenever any thing wrong is undertaken, the first effort of a crafty contriver is to give it a good name. Accordingly every act or principle of wickedness which has been performed or propagated in the world, was clothed in the most prepossessing language. A combination of European sovereigns to extinguish the liberty of mankind, assumed the title of the 'Holy Alliance'; and one of the most infamous of the English kings declared himself 'Defender of the Faith.' And we may add, a combination of northern demagogues and southern slaveholders in this country, to amalgamate slavery and liberty, aristocracy and democracy, has assumed the title of *democracy*.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

It will be recollectcd, that some months since we published an extract from another paper, charging that E. B. Reed, a methodist of this city, was the owner of slaves. Mr. R. sent us his card, denying that he was a slaveholder, which we published, and in our remarks rejoiced that he deemed it wrong to hold slaves. He published a second card denying that he had admitted slaveholding to be wrong.

It seems the discipline of that church provides that no slaveholder shall hold an office in the church, if the laws of the state where he lives will admit emancipation. Mr. R. was a steward in the Asbury station. A brother member saw the printed report, but believing it false, requested information from Mr. R. with a view of publicly contradicting it. Mr. R. was offended, denied the right of a member to interrogate him, in conversation with third persons vindicated the right of slaveholding, and sent back the brother's friendly note in a blank cover.

The case was presented to the quarterly conference, and by consent, tried on his own explanation, he still denying that he was a slaveholder, though he did not admit it wrong to hold slaves. He made various apologies for what seemed so much against him, but the resolution was, that on his own statement, he was found guilty of slaveholding and removed from office. Mr. R. then came into conference, insisted that justice had not been done, and requested a new trial. This was granted, and at the last conference the case was again tried on testimony of witnesses, when the former sentence was confirmed; so that notwithstanding his disclaimer, his brethren believe him to have been guilty of holding slaves. Probably for the first time in this state, has the church discipline been exercised against slavery. We hope that this is an earnest, that this church intends to maintain the principles of her founders. Her action on these principles would exert an influence against slavery that would be irresistible; this the slaveholders know, and hence their powerful efforts to keep down the anti-slavery spirit of their members and ministers; hence the great fear of agitating the subject in the free states, where slaveholders would find no advocates and the discussion would have but one side to it. They know that to agitate is to act—it would reveal the truth, which need only to be known to insure right action.

The Senate did not sit, on Saturday—yesterday and to-day they were occupied chiefly in discussing the House bill to allow the District Banks to receive and pay out, at par, the bills of non-specie paying Banks. The democrats resist this senseless bill with much zeal. It was not made a strictly party measure, in the other House, some in both parties being afraid of upsetting the rotten banks of the District, and making matters even worse than they are now. As the Maryland banks are about to return to common honesty, and the Va. Legislature has passed a bill to compel their to resume in November, and Pa. to resume instantly, I hope this foolish and wicked imposition may not be sanctioned by the voice of the Senate. If it is, we shall probably have a third veto! Various tariff petitions, and others for local objects were presented—among them one large one against the annexation of Texas. The public mind begins to be stirred on that subject.

J. G. Cogswell, late editor of the New York Review, has been confirmed, as Secretary of Legation to accompany Irving to Spain, Waggaman, of Louisiana, former Senator, a slaveholder, and relative of the President, it is understood, to take the place of Mr. Cass as Envoy to Paris, making the 14th slaveholding foreign minister.

The Senate have Executive sessions daily, and most of the President's nominations are fiercely contested, on party grounds. Such unworthy conduct degrades the Senate, the eyes of all sober men.

Turn, now, to the House. I will not attempt a regular detail of the modes in which time has been wasted, money spent, patience worn out, and folly manifested by the "assembled wisdom" of the nation; contenting myself with summing up the results. On Friday, a large number of private bills, about 60, chiefly for pensions, were passed, in committee, which secures their final passage, the next private bill day. The appropriation bill has been taken up in committee four or five days, and many hours spent in trying to adopt, or get rid of an amendment offered by Davis, of Ky., which required that contracts for stationery, binding, and the like, should be let out by the job to the highest bidder, and all public advertising done in those papers that have the largest number of subscribers, in each place. The object of the motion was evidently to cut off Captain Tyler's means of controlling the public press; and his friends resisted it with all their might. Mr. Briggs, the

FROM OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT.

Washington City, March 8, 1842.

The week past has been one of little interest comparatively to the friends of liberty. Nor have the measures acted upon been very important. Glance first at the sayings and doings of the Senate.

Wednesday, after disposing of a variety of petitions, Mr. Wright of N. Y. addressed the Senate in a very free argumentative and business like speech, in favor of various specific retrenchments, in the several branches of the public service, and in opposition to the increase of the tariff as proposed by Mr. Clay. He was in favor of reducing the expense of the government to twenty millions, and restoring the proceeds of the land sales to the treasury, which he thought would make any higher tariff duties needless. Mr. Wright is the best debater in the Senate. Not so eloquent as Clay, or many others, he is thoroughly well informed, always ready, prompt in retort, without bitterness, cautious, even *when in liquor!* For I am sorry to say he has no very high repute as a temperance man. It would be well for him and for many more, to join the flourishing Congressional Total Abstinence Society, with which about eighty members have united themselves.

Thursday, after the glorious themes of "retrenchment and reform" have occupied several hours, of almost every day, and the time of the members who wanted to make speeches on them, and of those who had good nature enough to stop to hear them. Among the results were the abolition of the office of draughtsman, the dismission of several messengers, pages, and laborers, and the reduction of their pay (modified afterwards, so as to go into effect at the next session) the reduction of the allowance of stationery to 25 dollars' worth to each member, for the long session, and 20 dollars, for the short one, cutting off all stationery for Reporters—a measure palpably unconstitutional, and enough to make one go for a dissolution of the Union!—with abortive attempts to abolish several other abuses. A few more items of reform will be adopted; perhaps enough to save half the sum spent in considering them. Among other items of abuse mentioned, a Whig declared that more than 700,000 *loco foco* documents were sent out of the folding room in a single session! A democrat replied that more than 3,000,000 of Whig documents were sent from that room by the whig committee of nine, in the vacation of 1840! The cost of these items to the Treasury was more than 20,000 dollars.

Time would fail me if I endeavored to recite the eloquent or sap-headed speeches, the witcisms of the witness, the motions to lay on the table, the appeals on points of order, the P. Question, the contradictory votes, and manœuvres by which these astonishing results have been secured. I leave them all to the biographer of some descendant of Balaam's female companion!

Mr. Everett, of Vt., yesterday submitted an amendment to the apportionment bill, fixing the rates at \$0.391 by which no State loses any member. It was ordered to be printed. The general retrenchment committee reported, in part, and asked leave to sit in session there, and send for persons and papers, which was granted. What discoveries they have made, so far, I do not know.

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Two important messages from the President were then read; one on the condition of the Treasury, states that the means of the Treasury, on the 1st of the month were \$3,250,000 less than its obligations; and recommends the extension of the time of the balance of the 12 million loan to 12 years, and an increase of the amount of it! Mr. Filmore took occasion to say that he was opposed to this, and to any further issue of Treasury Notes, and in favor of taking means to provide for the permanent wants of the Treasury. McKeon of N. York, moved to commit the message to the committee of the whole house, with instructions to report a bill to repeal the land distribution act; and the motion prevailed. So the matter is fairly up.

But a more important message still remained. It stated the arrest of another of the men engaged in the *Craigie* affair, at Schlosser, one Hogan, by the authorities of N. York, and urged upon Congress to pass a law removing such cases to the U. States Courts at once. This revival of the *McLeod* controversy, in a worse form (for there is no doubt of Hogan's participation in the murder) made many solemn faces in the House. It makes the danger of war more imminent than ever. Indeed, if this case can be kept open it will serve either to drag the North into a war, to defend slavery and the slave-trade, or to consolidate the power of the Tyler dynasty, a result hardly less to be deprecated. The matter was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The agitation in Maryland has become intense, in consequence of the passage of the slaveholders' bill of abominations, by one branch of their Legislature. The Methodists, especially, are waking up with something of their primitive spirit. Indeed, I hardly know whether to decide the passage of the bill or not. If it passes it will carry the question of slavery or no slavery to every corner of the State. If it does not, slavery dies. The people of the Eastern shore are so aroused that they are moving in great strength for a Union with Delaware, which is virtually a free State. The excitement in Virginia, also, respecting the equalization of the representation, and an extension of the right of suffrage is increasing. The proposition to make Western Virginia a separate State, and of course a free one, is boldly canvassed. Slavery has trouble on every side, on every side far

